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RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE TIME AND MANNER OF
COLLECTING THE BUDGET
AS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATER USERS OF
WATER DISTRICT NO. 45A

Water District 45A
Oakley, Idaho 83346
January 14, 2014

Eugene Matthews, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p. m., on January 14, 2014. The meeting was held at the Oakley Fire Station located at 100 East Main, Oakley, Idaho. Eugene Matthews, Basil Fairchild, Broden Matthews, Neil Justesen, Craig Smith, Jared Bedke, Bruce Bedke, Gerald Marchant, Craig Hawker, Seth Larsen, George K. Wells, Sandra Hale, Anne Martin, Ryan Cranney, and Vickie Smith were in attendance.

BUSINESS

The minutes from the January 8, 2013, meeting were read by Vickie Smith. The minutes were reviewed and discussed by those in attendance. Copies of the minutes from the 2013 meeting and copies of a spread sheet with a short description of each financial transaction made during 2013 with the status of our bank account, at D.L. Evans Bank, were available for all present to review before the meeting started, as well as, during the reading of the minutes. Gerald Marchant had a change to the minutes. At last year's meeting, the number of troughs that were listed as overflow problems for the Zollinger's was listed as 2 troughs. Gerald said that the number was 3 troughs, not 2. No one present disputed this change. The error has been corrected on the 2013 notes. VS

***MOTION** to accept the minutes was asked for by Neil Justesen.

***MOTION** seconded by Craig Hawker. All present approved.

The next order of business was to elect a Chairman and Board Members for 2014.

***MOTION** to nominate Eugene Matthews as the Chairman was asked for by Gerald Marchant.

***MOTION** was seconded by K. Wells.

Eugene said that he would accept the position. The members present thought that this would be a good idea to retain Eugene as Chairman. Some of the reasons favoring Eugene continuing as Chairman were: (a) He has been doing a great job and is familiar with the terrain and the water fluctuations in the district, (b) has a vested interest in having a successful water year, since he is a water user, (c) is aware of the needs of the water district (maintenance), (d) and has a good working relationship with our water master, and the other members of the Board.

***MOTION** to reinstate Eugene Matthews as the Water Board Chairman voted on by the members present, and the outcome was a unanimous vote for Eugene.

***MOTION** Seconded by Jared Bedke.

***MOTION** to have Eugene appoint his water board. The Water Board Members for 2014 are: Basil Fairchild and Craig Hawker (Mill Creek), Craig Smith (Spring Creek), George K. Wells (Summit Creek), and Vickie Smith (Secretary-Treasurer).

Sandra Hale gave her summation report about the 2013 water season. The year was successful, even with the shortage of water. Some maintenance is needed. ****Report details are attached.**

***MOTION** to accept the the yearly summary: Gerald Marchant

***MOTION** seconded by: Basil Fairchild

***MOTION** to nominate the 2014 Water Master. Sandra Hale will not be available to accept the 2014 water master position. A discussion about possible Water Master candidates ensued. No solutions to this problem happened.

***MOTION** to table the discussion was asked for by Jared Bedke.

***MOTION** was seconded by Broden Matthews.

Everyone was asked to think of people who would be interested in being the water master, and get their ideas back to Eugene or a board member ASAP. (The water master wage for 2013 was: \$5,000 divided into increments of \$750 per month (April-September) with the final \$500 given when the Water Master gives the end-of-season report to the Chairman and his Board Members.)

FYI: Many positive comments were given about how much time Sandra had spent getting to understand the water system in the Basin, what a hard worker she was, and in general what a good job she'd done as our Water Master. Reason for unavailability: moved out of the Basin area

● THE ASSESSMENT

After Sandra's report was given, a discussion about what needs to be done to maintain or improve the water system and how to fund it ensued.

For the Water District to do the maintenance work that is imminent and projected, the matter of funding was discussed. Various possibilities for raising money were talked about (grants, government programs, etc.), but the only guaranteed way to know what money will be available is to look at the water user's assessment fee. All member's water assessment fee (per share) was \$5.00 (2012) and raised to \$8.00 (2013). After discussion, the consensus was that the assessment will remain \$8.00 (per share) for the upcoming water year (2014). The Water Board will prioritize the need.

***MOTION** to accept the assessment fee of \$8.00 per water share was asked for by Ryan Cranney.

***MOTION** was seconded by Craig Smith.

Assessment vote statistics: (1st vote) - 5 members YES/ 3 members NO

MOTION PASSED

● INFORMATION/BUSINESS/POINTS of DISCUSSION

*Private weirs should be in place before the beginning of the water season

*Assessment paid before water is turned the first time (April 1-October 1)

*A point that was discussed was that domestic and stock watering supersedes irrigation rights. Last year's short water season brought this up.

*Water Resources: K. Wells' discussion point-new land owners think they've got lots of water, but they need to realize how the 1879 water right affects water distribution in the Basin

- *Sale of Water Rights-faced with transfer of water rights as new people move into the area
- *Land Transfer: Neil Justesen's discussion point-explain the water rights when land is transferred to another owner
- *Bruce Mitchell-no water rights, but can use the water (aesthetic value)
- *Question about the water rights of the cabins on Summit Creek. Can the water be used during the irrigation season? High water rights. Buried water line on Federal ground?

● MAINTENANCE

- *issues: weir across from Spring Creek to Mill Creek
- *weir on bottom part of Summit Creek
- *Gorringe and Matthews weir corroding out; possibility of caving in (above pond)/leaking on pipe
- *Neil's weir problems-can't get the correct reading-discharge problems (52/48)-speed of water makes a difference-screw-handle needed (Neil said that he would work on this.)
- *Zollinger, Spearin, Marchant diversion-No measurements off flume (Mill Creek)
- *Harper Diversion-weir in creek. Yes!
- *Hawker Diversion-leaking on North side into creek (side)
- *Creek needs cleaned out
- *Marchant-Bedke Diversion-needs weir in creek
- *Jared Bedke Diversion-(3rd Mill) weir fell off-water leaking from east to west.
- *4th Mill-water going down one side instead of being split-take water on North and South (Cranneys)-water comes fast
- *Summit Creek weir-K. Wells is repairing it
- *Spring Creek-right to store (Eugene)
- *pipe Spring Creek water feeder (1 mile) to Summit Creek (water loss)-Craig Hawker suggested getting started with a plan to accomplish this-(approach the idea as a district plan-
- *No 319 money for 2014
- *Idea: pipe 1st Mill-Neil is aware of this.
- *Hawker-Marchant Diversion-turning water is really tight-end of the season.

*Trough overflow problems: Zollinger's (3 troughs), Marchant's (2 troughs), Spearin's (1 trough), and Wadsworth's (1 trough) Jared Bedke has a way that works to have the overflow tied into the main pipe that he can share with the people who need help with this problem.

OTHER

Next year's Annual Water Meeting will be held:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015 @ 7 P.M., at the OAKLEY FIRE STATION

*Monthly Water Board meeting at the Fire Station in Oakley is a good idea. (12 PM, 4th Wednesday of the month/April through September) All water users are invited to attend.

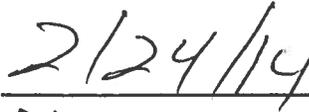
*Having a 45A Newsletter sent to the water users is beneficial. Publish it 2 times during the season.

***MOTION** to adjourn by Gerald Marchant

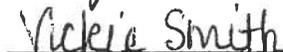
***MOTION** seconded by Jared Bedke.



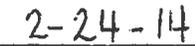
Eugene Matthews, Chairman WD 45A



Date



Vickie Smith, Secretary/Treasurer



Date